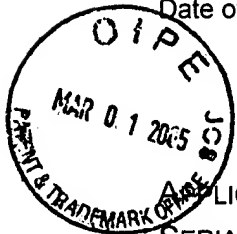


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month Extension of Time to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 1, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the Extension, the Response is due on or before March 1, 2005.

Please charge the petition fee of \$450.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17, and any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Dated: 03/01/05

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene Rzucidlo", written over a horizontal line.

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